

To Whom It May Concern,  
Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their  
stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days  
before the election is a clear example of the dangers  
of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and  
is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But  
when large companies control the airwaves, we get  
more of what's good for the bottom line and less of  
what we need for our democracy. Instead of  
something produced at "News Central" far away, it's  
more important that we see real people from our  
own communities and more substantive news about  
issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions, and the actions of other partisan  
media groups; i.e. Clear Channel, Fox, etc., show  
why we need to strengthen media ownership rules,  
not weaken them. They show why the license  
renewal process needs to involve more than a  
returned postcard.

Very Sincerely,  
Shannon K. Riley  
Thank you.